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Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary president Jacqui Clarkson and her husband Keith help a customer.

Auxiliary volunteer Jane Jaycock laughs as she spins the drum for the Wheelbarrow of Wine fundraising raffle. The winner was Victoria Thompson.

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With regard to the "Twelve Days of Christmas" itself, it's interesting to note that the days in question were actually original the days between Christmas and Epiphany. For much of the history of Christmas celebrations, this time was the main focus of the celebrations. It's only been recently that celebrations have shifted to see Christmas Day as the culminating event of the season. The song itself was first published in England in a 1780 children's book entitled *Mirth without Mischief*, but as a rhyme without music. The standard tune to which we now sing it is actually a 1909 arrangement of a traditional folk tune by composer Frederic Austin.

Another carol which touches on this important time just after Christmas Day is "Good King Wenceslas," which draws its content from the story of a 10th century king of Bohemia who was later made a saint for his charity and other good deeds. In the song, he sets forth to deliver alms on St. Stephen's Day (Boxing Day as we mark it in Canada). Though the song's lyrics as we know them date from the mid-19th century, they are actually set to a tune with its origins in the 13th century. Talk about a link with the past!

Now, "Silent Night" is undoubtedly one of the most iconic pieces of the holidays, but it also has an equally iconic origin story. Its lyrics were written by a young priest, Joseph Mohr, in 1816 and two years later he asked the local schoolmaster and organist, Franz Gruber, to compose music for it for a Christmas Eve service. According to legend, the organ in the church was broken at the time, which was why the music needed to be composed for a guitar, giving the piece a unique sound among 19th century carols. Within a year, the piece had started to travel with the repertoires of travelling musicians, for, of course, it was more "portable" than a piece written to be played on an organ, and the rest, as they say, is history.

With the advent of film and television, Christmas music started to be created at a greater speed than ever before. One of the first Christmas hits from the cinema was "White Christmas," which actually debuted in the 1942 film *Holiday Inn*, not the 1954 film which bears its name. Written by Irving Berlin and famously sung by Bing Crosby, it is the world's best-selling single with over 50 million copies having been sold worldwide. At the time of its release, during the Second World War, its message of home, safety and nostalgia took on a greater meaning than anyone could ever have imagined and ushered in the era of the secular Christmas song, which now sees new releases every year.

If you've been intrigued by these tidbits of Christmas music trivia, we hope you'll join us online between Dec. 18 and Christmas Day when we'll be sharing the stories behind eight more Christmas classics on the Haliburton Highlands Museum's Facebook page. Until then, I wish you a holiday season filled with music and magic!

Kate Butler is the director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

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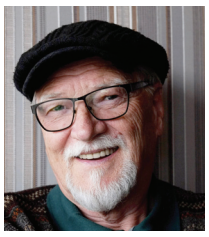
A couple's cultural contributions

OUR EVER-EXPANDING cultural mosaic consists of the sum total of the efforts of all the people who have contributed to it over the years. This is a short story about two of those people.

They were both English veterans of the Second World War. He served as a Royal Air Force wireless operator on military flights in the Middle East, Europe and North Africa. She was in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force where her job was working at airfields, trucking bombs and armaments to the departing fighter planes and bombers.



GEORGE FARRELL
On Arts/Culture

They met after the war, married, and in 1955 immigrated to Canada. He was a painting contractor by trade and in Toronto, where they first settled, she became a weight-loss technician. After a year or two they moved to Don Mills.

Both worked long and hard at their professions, and in bringing up their son. One day in the early 1970s, after the son had moved out of their home, the couple was invited to a friend's cottage on the Drag River in Gelert.

While there he went fishing and caught a huge bass. He was elated, never having caught such a big fish. "This is the life for me," he was heard to exclaim, and they promptly purchased a plot of land that their friend had for sale on the river. They put up a cottage and by the mid '70s had moved up permanently. He resumed his painting and decorating business in the Highlands.

She joined the Spinners and Weavers group and her mohair throws were much admired. She was around during the formation of the School of the Arts (now the Haliburton School of Art + Design), and was a member of the Rails End Gallery and the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, where she also volunteered. She had her throws, scarves and place-mats for sale in both galleries, as well as the Ethel Curry Gallery. She was also on the Haliburton County Studio Tour for many years.

He started a different career when his son (who at the time was a property master and set dresser in the film industry) suggested that with his painting and decorating skills, he'd make a great scenic artist. In England decorators had to serve a lengthy apprenticeship and that was when he learned how to stain and grain surfaces. With the use of specialized tools he could transform a concrete floor into simulated wooden planking, or convert a plain pine dresser into luxurious oak. He was also excellent at turning any paintable surface into marble that was hard to tell from the real thing. These skills were very much in demand in the burgeoning Canadian film industry.

Intrigued by his son's suggestion the father decided to give it a shot, and before too long he was in demand, and working for multiple production companies. During this career, which lasted a decade, he worked on numerous television commercials and feature films.

After retiring from the film industry he used his skills to help in the creation of sets for various theatrical productions in the Highlands. For a while he also taught staining, graining and marbleizing to students at the School of the Arts in Haliburton. He liked spending his spare time playing golf and curling, and he was a keen competitor at both sports.

They were both members of the local Legion branch in Minden and he loved taking his son to the Legion for fish and chips and a beer. By now you've probably guessed that I've been writing about my parents, Stanley and Jean Farrell.

Dad passed away peacefully on Dec. 9 at Hyland Crest senior citizen's home. He was 95. Mom is just two years younger. She has Alzheimer's/dementia but appears to be quite happy in her own private world.

Recently, during lunch at Hyland Crest, she clinked her drinking glass with a fork to get everyone's attention and then proudly announced that she was getting a tattoo. She's become quite the card in her old age. I'll miss Dad more than I can say, but I like to think that over the years both of my parents contributed significantly to our cultural mosaic. And while I'm proud of them I'm also sad that their contributions have come to an end.

Top things not to ask Santa for

CHRISTMAS TIME is upon us and because of that many of us will be writing the most important letter we will write all year – I'm talking about the one to Santa in which we plead our case for a handout.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

Don't worry. That's clearly what he wants us to do. But, unless you want a lump of coal, there are certain things you should never ask of Santa. Here are my top 10.

1. His autograph. He knows a suck up when he sees it.
2. Your own personal elf.
3. Reindeer steaks.
4. To borrow the sled for the weekend.
5. For him to try Slimfast for a while.
6. To limit himself to just one cookie.
7. For $5,000 or you'll tell Mrs. Claus you caught him kissing mommy.
8. To let the elves unionize.
9. To pay for the shingles those reindeer ruined.
10. To agree that you are not liable for any accidents he may have on the roof, in the chimney or on the premises.

Santa and Frosty the Snowman are enjoying this colourful lawn display. Thanks to Jen Rebelo Carroll who posted this image to the Haliburton Echo Facebook page earlier this month.

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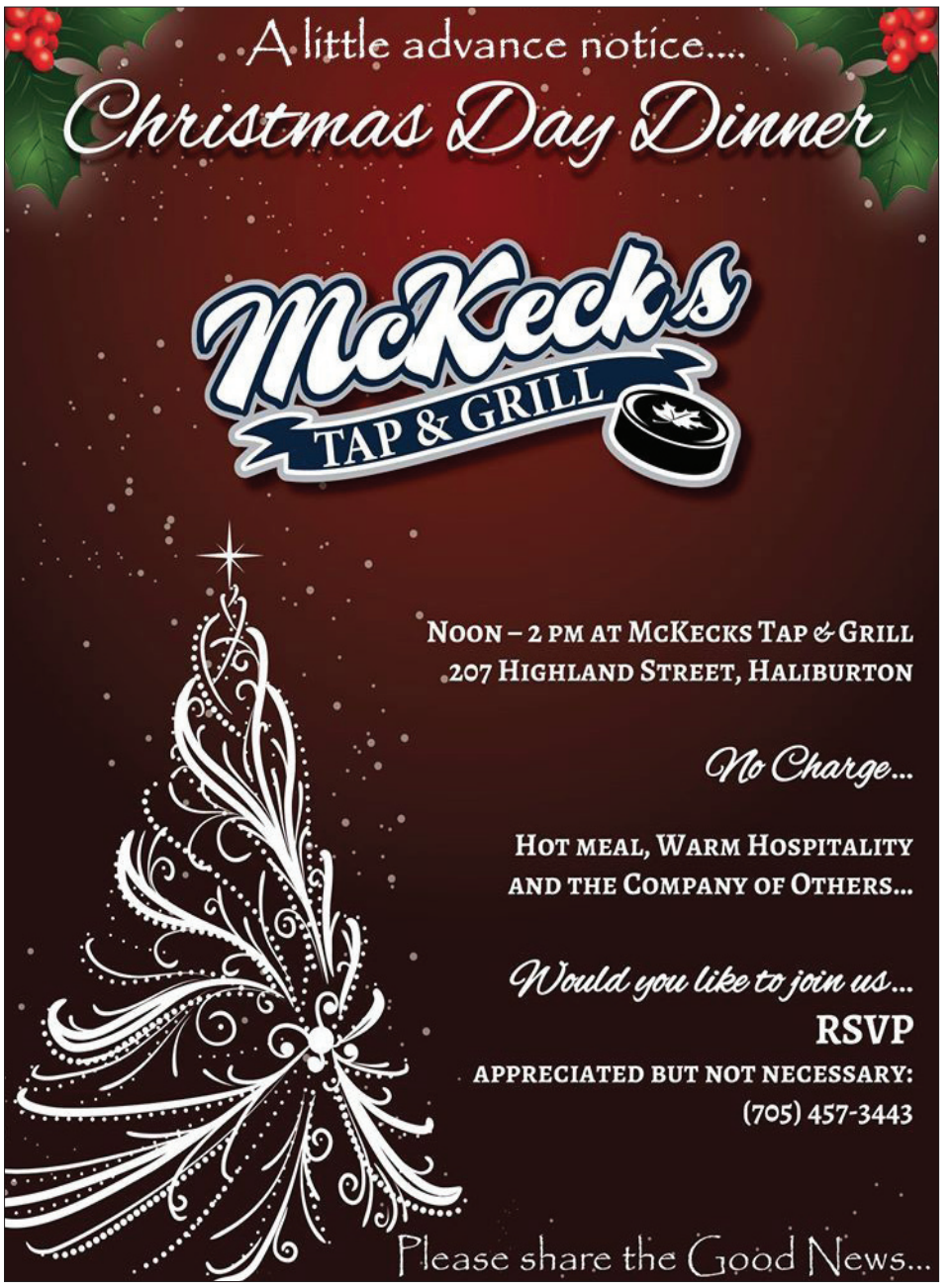

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Families enjoy Rotary Christmas party

Santa brought joy to the faces of the children attending the Haliburton Rotary Community Christmas and Skating Party on Dec. 7. He brought toys for every child. / JENN WATT Staff

Local musician Chad Ingram, who is also a reporter for the *Minden Times* and *Haliburton Echo*, kept everyone in a festive mood as he belted out holiday tunes

Skaters of all ages and abilities rushed around the ice at the A.J. LaRue Arena on Friday, Dec. 7 for the Haliburton Rotary Community Christmas and Skating Party. The event included free skating, a visit with Santa, presents for kids, live music by Chad Ingram, free pizza and treats, games and a chance to win turkey gift certificates.

Mason Moraal, left, and Elyse Cundall look like they might be wondering about who this Santa guy is that everyone keeps talking about .They were two of a large group of children who lined up to give St. Nick their wish list and get a gift at the Haliburton Rotary Club's annual Christmas party at the arena.

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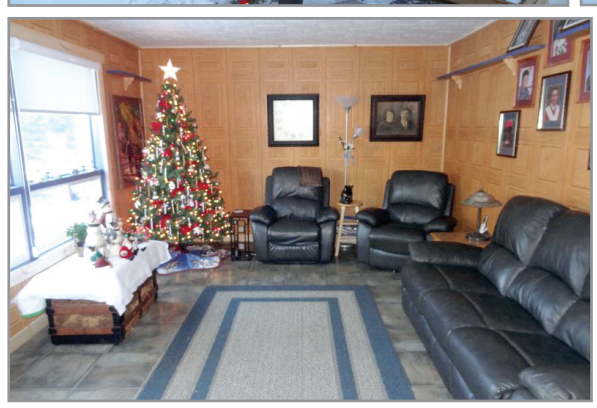

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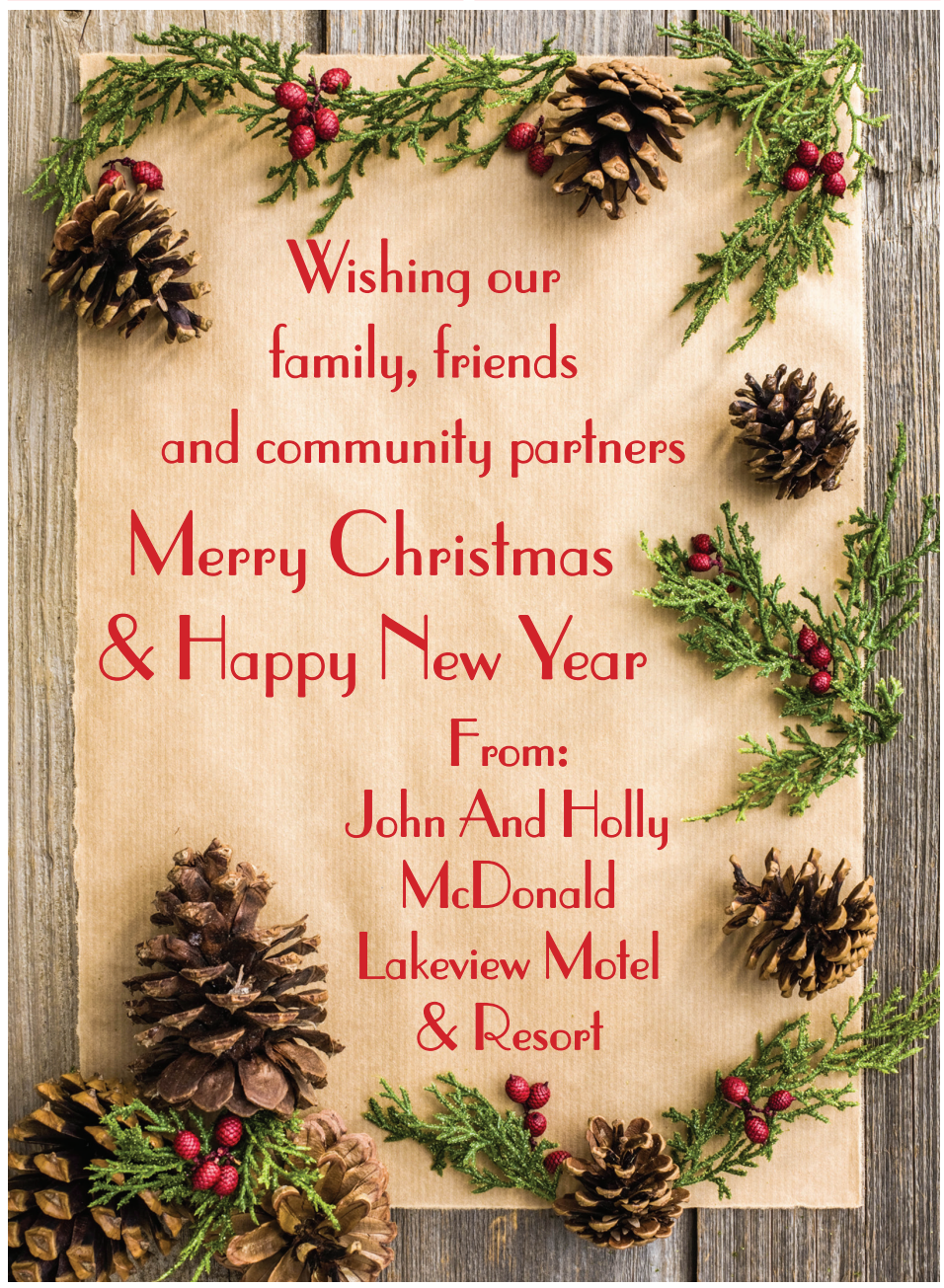

My Christmas wish and festival of lights

by Gr.2 students from Stuart Baker Elementary School

My Christmas wish List
I would like beyblades for christmas, because I have fun building with the pieces
My cousin Callum would like xbox cards for christmas.
My sister Liah wants a camera for christmas
Lara my other sister wants a ball hockey stick
Colton my other cousin wants fishing stuff
Uncle James wants a new motorcycle for christmas
My aunty Mar wants a chew toy for her dog.
My dad wants a new helmet for his motorcycle.
Will

My Christmas wish list
My sister would like nail polish.
My cousin would like lego
I would like a new WiiU
My mom would like a swimming suit
My dad would like a pair of pants
My Grandma would like a new book
Nick

My Christmas wish list
A computer for wes
Lego for Grayson
Slippers for mom
Crocono for Dad
Lawnmower for my neighbour
Minecraft for me
Roblox for my cousin
Video games for my uncle

My Christmas List
My brother would like a big lego set.
My Mom would like a pedicure.
My dad would like a snowmobile.
I would like a snowboard
My friend Nash would like a parrot.
Roman

Christmas wish list
I want some Lego for me
ben wants a Ds
my mom wants a cup
my dad wants a phone
jake wants a pokemon stuffy
mitch wants a bear stuffy
Danny

My Christmas List
My mom wants a Coffee-maker
My dad wants a playstation 4
My sister wants some lego
My dog wants a bone
My cat wants a mouse
Some cookies for my neighbour
I want a lol doll for me
Sophi

My Christmas List
My dad wants new shoes
My mom wants a new coffee maker
my brother wants lego
a new bracelet for olivia
My uncle wants computer
My grandma would like a jewelry box
My dog wants chew toy
Tara

My christmas list
My mom wants a new car.
My dad wants some tools.
My brother wants a new hockey stick.
My baby sister wants her teeth to grow.
My older brother wants some parts for his snowmobile
My other brother wants a psp.
My other dad wants an new truck
My other mom wants a new t.v.
I want a PS4

My wish list
I wish to get a bike for me
I wish Anna gets a cat
I wish Max gets a toy ball
I wish Login gets a candy cane
I wish mommy gets a phone
I wish toby gets dog treats
I wish ma gets treats
Julia

My wish list
I would like to get a bike for christmas.
Brady would like a new bag of tennis balls for christmas.
Teagan would like to get books for christmas
My mom would like to get a candy for christmas.
My dad would like to get a phone for christmas.
My grandma would like to get a ornament for christmas.
My grandpa would like to get a cat.
My dog would like to get a squeaky toy.
Quinn

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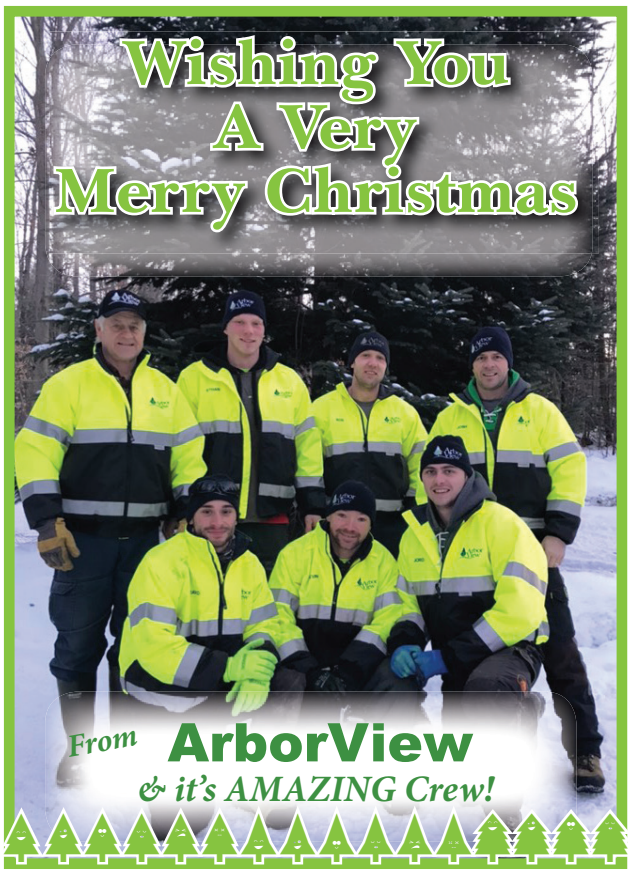

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by Gr.2 students from Stuart Baker Elementary School

My Christmas wish list

I want a lego tree house.
My dad wants a new toolbox.
My brother wants a r c doser.
My mommy want a new skiing Helmet.
My dog wants a bone.
Me and mommy are going to give cookies to our neighbours

Kendall

My Christmas List

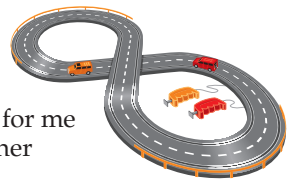
I'm going to give Alex a bike so that he can ride it
I'm going to get my grandmother a cane
I'm going to get my sister a necklace.
I'm going to get my mother a beach ball
I'm going to get my dad a fishing rod
I'm going to get my Papa a statue.
I'm going to get my dogs some toys

Dan K

My Christmas Wish List

I would really like some slime.
A sled for my cousin Andy.
A camera for my mother.
A gun for my father to hunt.
A whitebored for aunt Laura.
A map for my brother.
A book for my grandpa.

Katelyn



My wish list

A psp and a fortnight game for me
A car race track for my brother
A picture for my dad
A iphone for every buddy in town
A LOT of wood for mom
A hat for my uncle
A new football for my cousin
A doll for my other cousin
Markers for my moms friend Joanne

Parker

My Christmas wish List

I want a Motorcycle
Travis wants a nintendo switch
Ethan wants a flat screen tv
Dad wants a new House
My dog wants a stuffy
My cousin wants new Hockey gear
My Other cousin wants to go on a trip
My mom wants a new book

Levi

Festival of Lights

Hanukkah is called the festival of lights because the jewish people had a war and returned to the temple and found a tin jar of oil that would last for 1 day but it Lasted for 8 days which was a miracle.

David

Festival of Lights

Hanukkah is called the festival of lights because there was only enough oil in the lamp for 1 day but the oil lasted for 8 days. That was a miracle. Now we light candles on the menorah to remember the miracle. On Hanukkah the kids like to play the game called dreidel.

Nick

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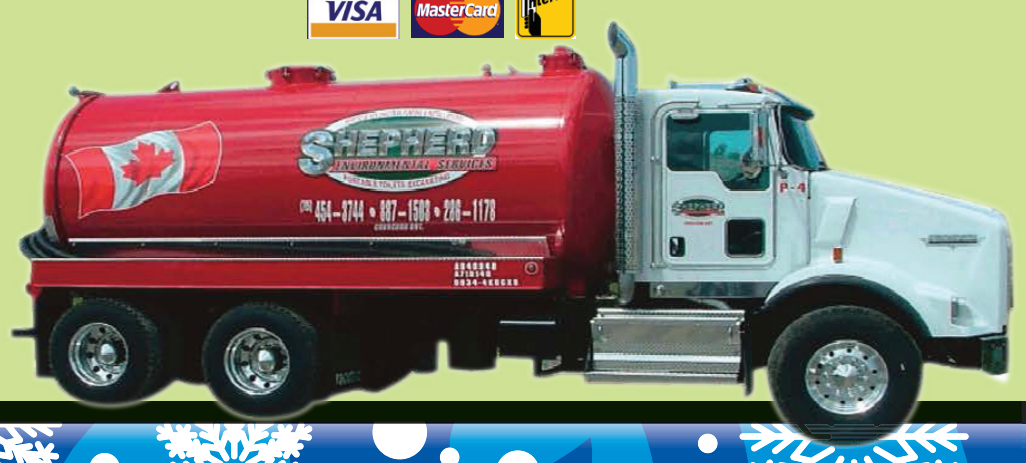

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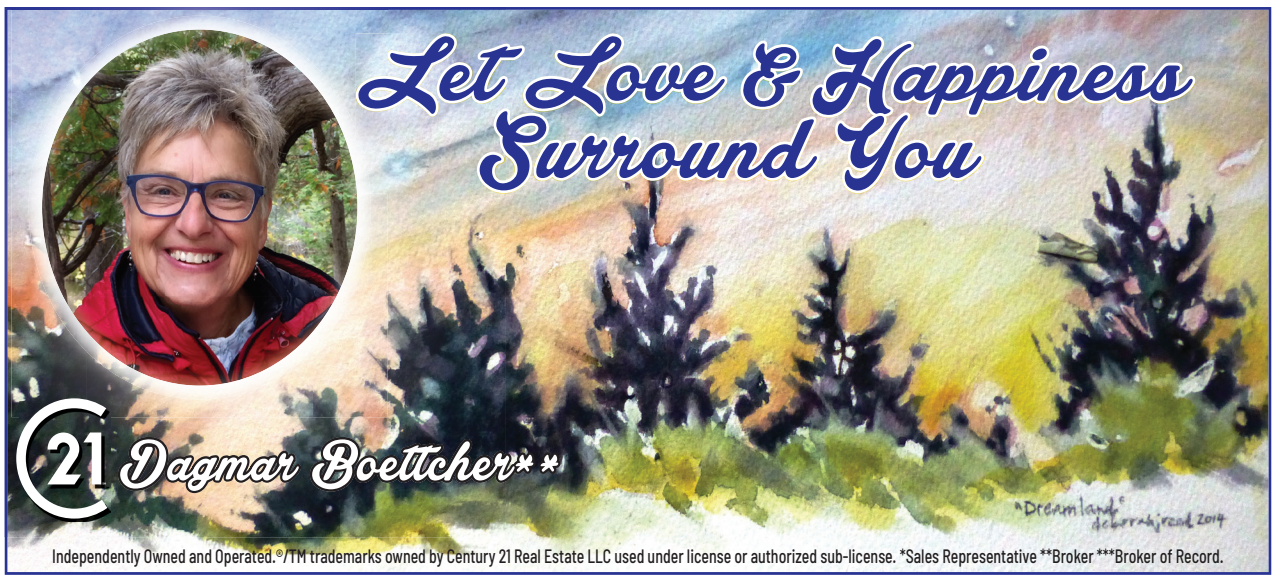
Santa stops by

It's that time of year when Santa makes appearances around town. He stopped in at Castle Antiques on Dec. 1 in Haliburton. He waved and met with the young and young at heart. His appearance was part of the Haliburton Holiday Market, featuring pieces from local creators. /DARREN LUM Staff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Letters to Santa

by Kindergarten and Grade 1 students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been very good this year. I would like a Elsa for Christmas.
Thank you. Love,
Orchid

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been very good this year. I would like a Squishie for Christmas.
Thank you. Love,
Hannah

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I would like PS4 for Christmas. I have been very good this year.
Thank you! Love, *Liam M.*

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been very good this year.
Love,
Chloe

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been very good this year. I would like you for Christmas.
Thank you.
Kylie Colleen

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been very good this year. I would like a Squishie.
Love Kate

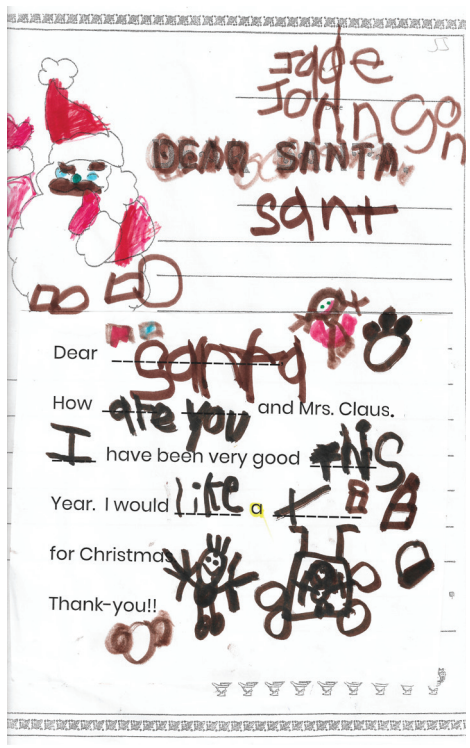
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been very good this year. I would like a dirt bike bear for Christmas.
Thank you.
Love,
Memphis

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been very good this year. I would like a Nerf gun for Christmas.
Thank you!
Alfie

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been very good this year.
Thank you.
Liam

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been very good this year.
Love,
Bella

Dear Santa,
I would like a Squishie for Christmas.
Ariel



Boxing Day Special….special you say…

How, why would you want to go out there…

The lines, the stores, the PEOPLE...so many people...

It's scary seeing all these people get Trampled and HURT all over one thing!

The traffic! Is horred! Traffic jams, car crashes all holding up the traffic!

The only plus are the sales are amazing but!! You get ran over trying to get things!

I love the sales, being able to buy so many things for cheap but still it's so SCARY!

Robert Barrett, Gr. 8 ASES

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What Christmas means to me...

by Mrs. Harrison's Grade 1/2 students from Archie Stouffer

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a Pokemon card and please a trainer card and please boomwhackers.

Huxlee

What I love about Christmas. I bring out milk and cookies then I go to bed because Santa comes to give me gifts.

Lucas

What Christmas means to me … is not just about the presents. It's about the seeing family.

Charlotte

What Christmas means to me … it means to me a lot of family time.

Jackson

What Christmas means to me … family open presents.

Cooper

What Christmas means to me to open presents.

Shelby

I watched DD open up her presents and I opened up my presents. Then I play with my toys. I hug my sister.

Jalynn

Dear Santa,
Could I please have a remote control helicopter.

Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,
I know you are very busy. I am going to leave some carrots and milk and a cookie for you. I would really like the $80 Paw Patrol boat for Christmas, and the Transformer truck.
Thank you.

Love, Lucas W.

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa how is Mrs. Claus. How is the reindeer. What does the reindeer eat? May I please have a tumble mats and can I have wild thing and can I have a new tablet case.

Love, Elyse

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. How is Mrs. Claus? How are you? May I please have a my live pet and a tumble track and a LOL I Spy. Please and thank you.

Love Adiya

What Christmas means to me … is spending time with family and having fun and opening presents.

Adiya

What Christmas means to me … presents and fun.

Owen

What Christmas means to me … it is about family.

Nixon

What Christmas means to me is opening presents with my mom and I am getting purple and pink slime.

Morgan

What Christmas means to me … seeing if Santa ate our cookies. We are sleeping. When my family sneaks into our house.

Elyse

Dear Santa,
Lego.
Like,
Easton

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a Nintendo Switch.

Love Nixon

What Christmas means to me is spending time with my family.

Tenley

What Christmas means to me … seeing my family.

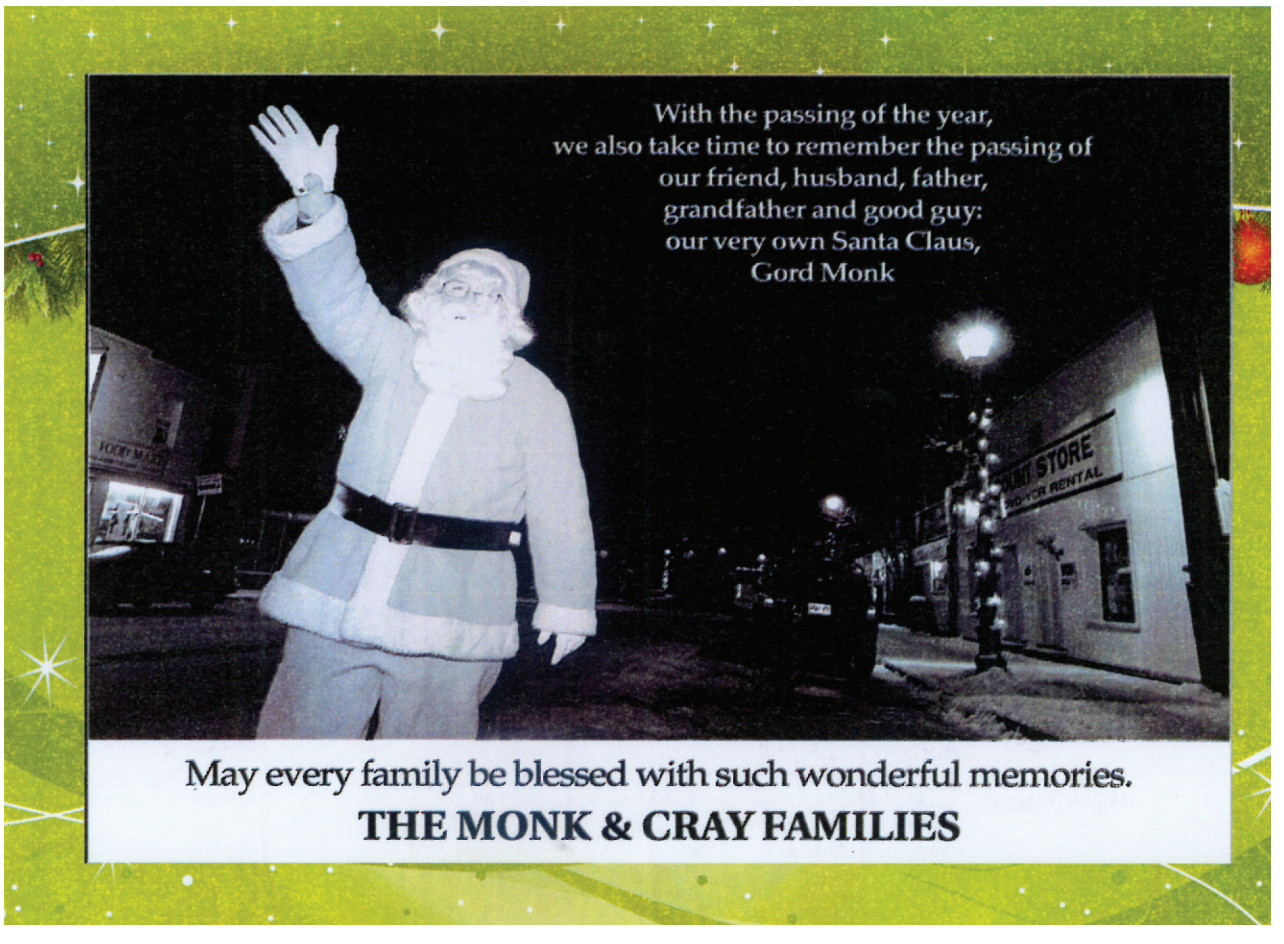
Vanessa

What Christmas means to me is not about the presents. It's about seeing family.

Chloe

I love Christmas because the polar express, I love the grinch, The Christmas star, the Christmas calendar. Chocolate.
Merry Christmas

Hunter Neville


With the passing of the year,
we also take time to remember the passing of
our friend, husband, father,
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My family Christmas

My Family just really watches christmas movies such as:

- Krampus
- Christmas chronicles
- Frosty the snowman
- The grinch
- A nightmare before christmas
- Elf
- The polar express

And we have a christmas feast I have more than one because I go to my Families Christmas dinners as well and my favourite part of the feast is the dessert the cheese cake.

My favourite part of Christmas is giving the presents to my Family.

Every Christmas eve my Family gets new pj's and a stuffed animal it's a Christmas tradition. And every Christmas morning my sister wakes up at 6:00 and wakes my mom and dad up just to open the stockings. And I love making snowmen with my Family.

This year we are doing half of our presents at my house and half of them at my Nana's house.

My Family is very decorative for christmas, they LOVE christmas.

Our tree is always the most decorated tree out of my neighbors.

Quinn Hie, Grade 7 ASES

The Grinch's Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas and all
through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

The Prentice family was all tucked away.
Dreaming their dreams about the very next day.

There was a thud on the roof and the sound of a sleigh.
But it wasn't Santa that had come that day.

It was the Grinch and his little dog Max,
To the chimney they crept, in the snow leaving tracks.

Now In the dark hall, the Grinch and Max heard a noise, Out of the bedroom tumbled the two Prentice boys.

Wiping sleep from their eyes, they rushed to the tree.
Just in time to see the Grinch on bended knee.
Shoving presents and toys into his ratty rucksack,
With a sneer on his face he tried to run back.

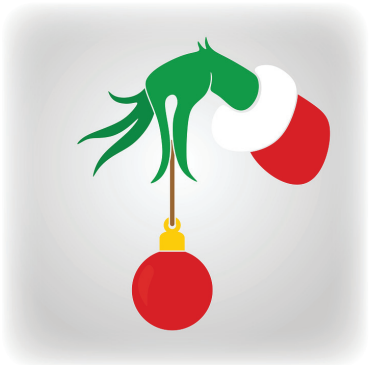
To the Grinch's dismay, the boys had a plan,
They had wedged into the chimney, an old frying pan.

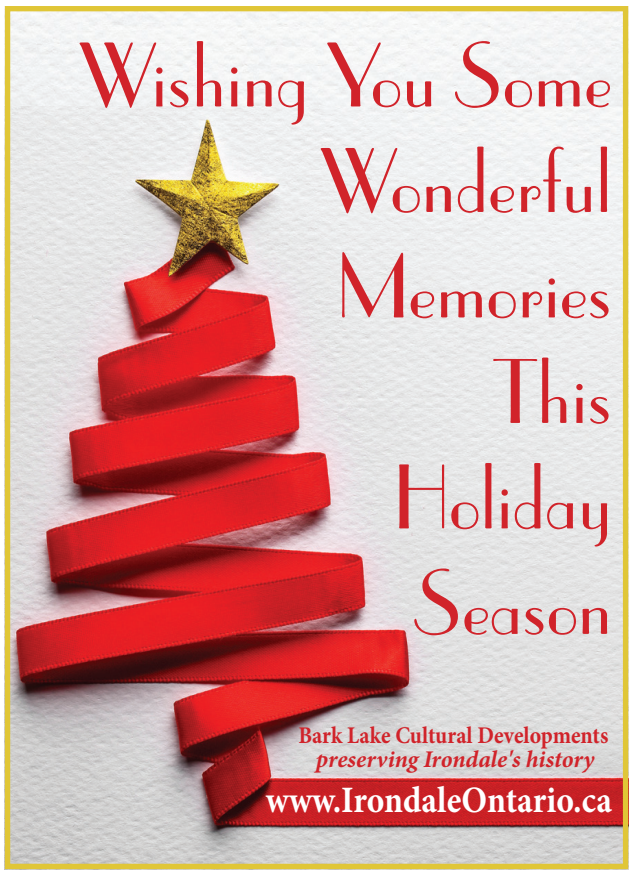
Now he was stuck, not able to get out,
The Grinch screwed up his face and started to pout.

The Grinch was so sad, that his plan didn't work,
the two Prentice boys said "you're not really a jerk".

The Grinch returned all the gifts, making everything right,
And stayed with the family for the rest of the night.

Brody Prentice,
Gr. 8 ASES





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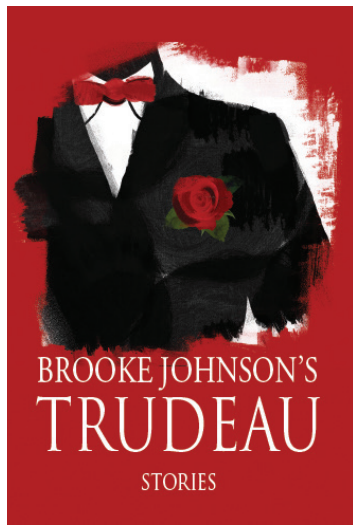

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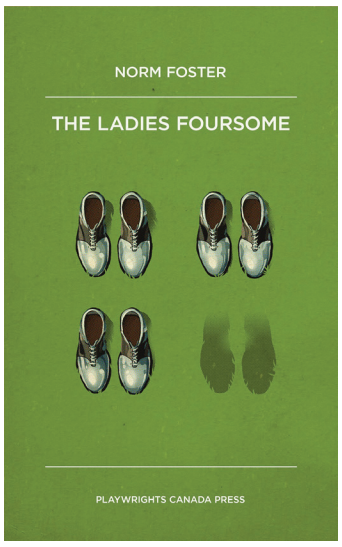

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By Richard Alfieri
Lily, an aging but formidable retiree, hires Michael, an acerbic dance instructor, to give her dance lessons in her condo in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida. Antagonism between a gay man and the wife of a Southern Baptist minister gives way to profound compatibility as they swing dance, tango, foxtrot, and cha-cha while sharing barbs and intimacies along with the dance steps. What Michael learns about Lily during the sixth lesson will require him to share his greatest gifts - loyalty and compassion. A comedy with music, dance and surprises.

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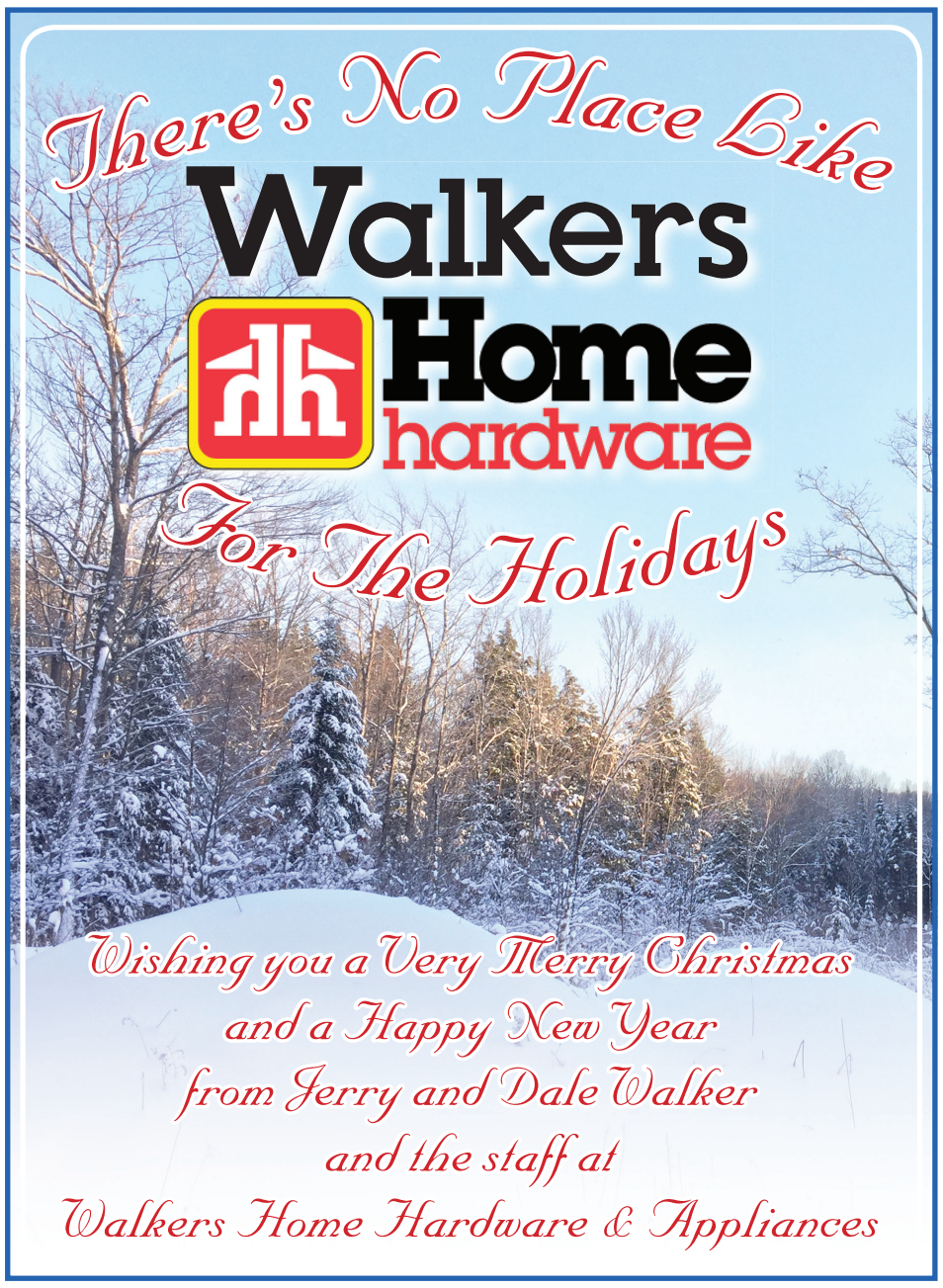
Breakfast with Santa

Santa Claus had a good listen to a youngster who had possibly been waiting all year to have a one-on-one with him.

Ewelina Porzuczek takes a seat with Santa last weekend at the annual Breakfast with Santa event held at Camp Wanakita. Families were invited to make crafts, enjoy breakfast together, play games and get some Santa time in before Christmas. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Santa was the man of the hour, but an animal education show attracted a curious crowd as well.

The craft tables at the free event are always popular, keeping kids and adults alike as busy as elves.



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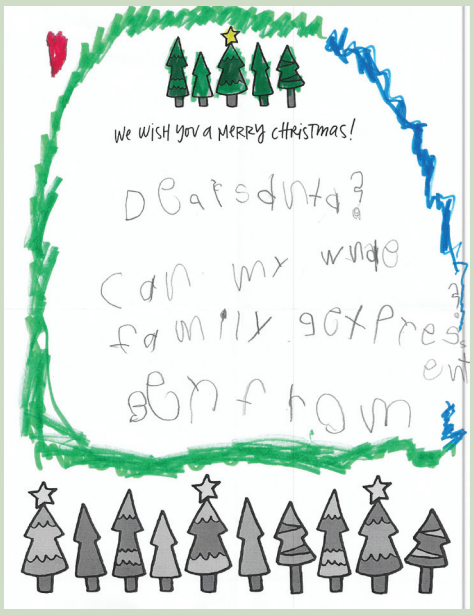
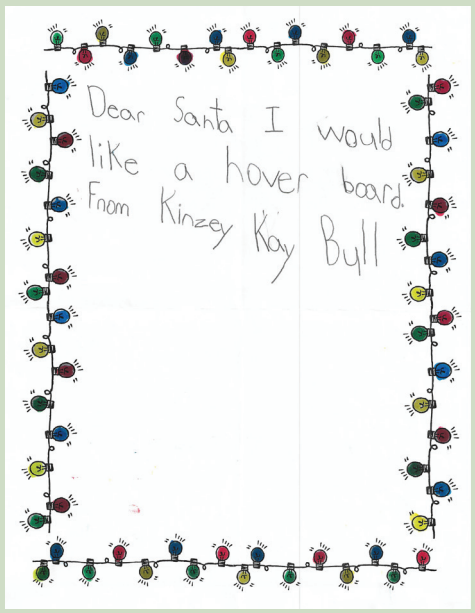
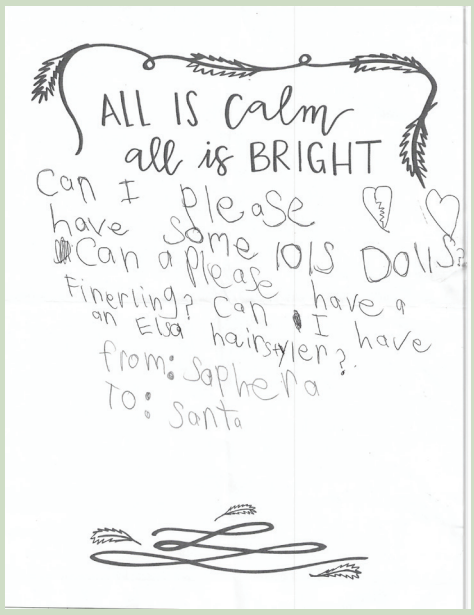
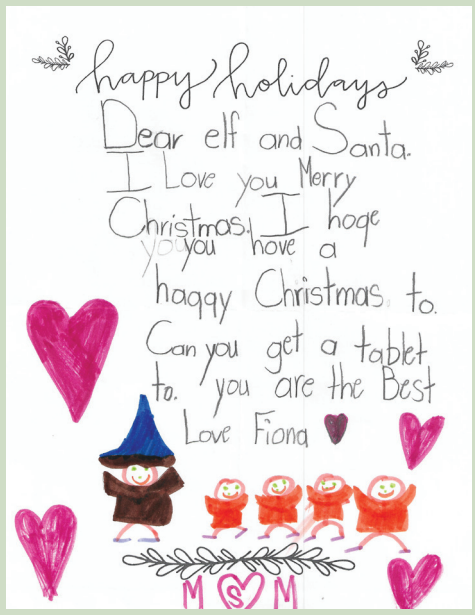
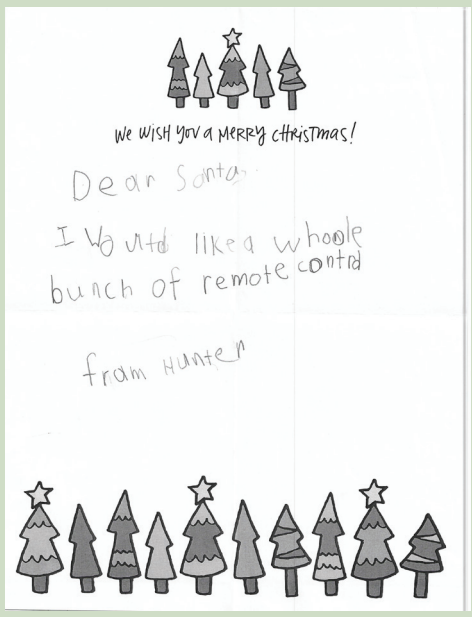
by students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School

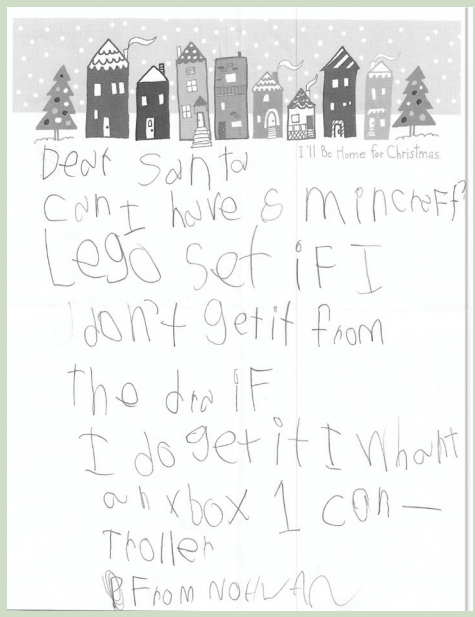


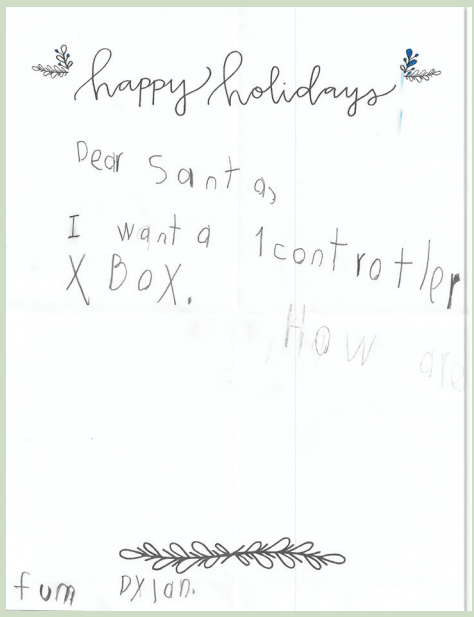












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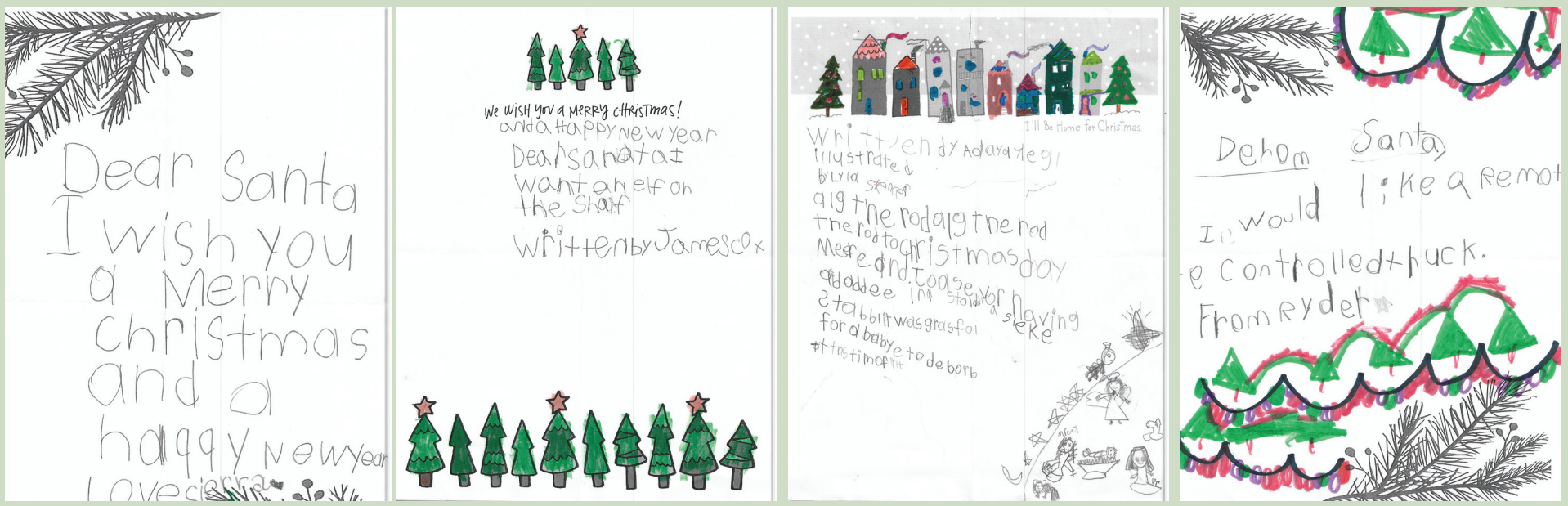

Santa story

By Owen Newell, Grade 7 ASES

Santa Claus had always loved chilly Haliburton with it's quiet, illuminated houses. It was a place where he felt stable.

He was a jolly Man with rosy cheeks and a white beard. Once, he had even rescued a thankful Elf from a burning building. That's the sort of man he was.

Santa walked over to the chimney and reflected on his surroundings. The snow struck hard on his hat.

Then he saw something in the distance, or rather someone. It was the figure of Mary Nicholls. Mary was a kind girl with brunette hair.

Santa gulped. He was not prepared for someone to spot him.

As Santa paid closer attention, Mary approached Santa, he could see the surprised grin on her face.

She gazed in awe of the sight.

Mary had always dreamed of receiving a pet; especially a Reindeer.

Maybe seeming greedy, she requested that Santa bring her one.

Santa looked back, thinking. Then he said "Mary, of course I can do that. I'll simply return to the North Pole and pick one out" he replied.

Santa then hopped on his sleigh and took off into the night sky, with a jolly "Ho, ho, ho! Merry Christmas!"

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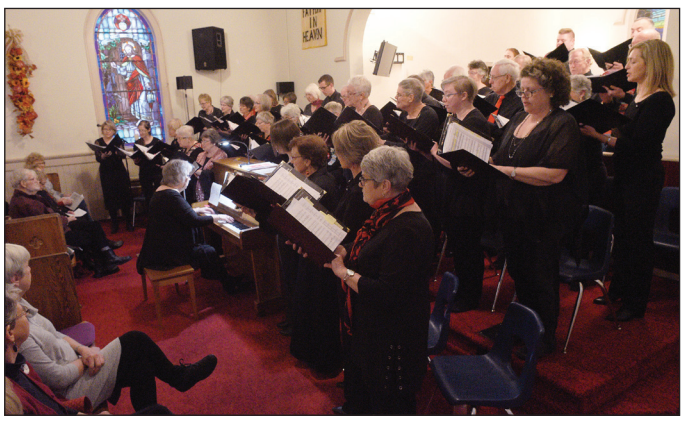
Deck the Halls with Songs and Laughter

Haliburton resident Nel Vanderient applauds the performance of the Highlands Festival Singers from the front row at the Deck the Halls with Songs and Laughter Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 2 at the Haliburton United Church. Directed by Melissa Stephens, the concert featured favourite standards and songs with a localized touch. The venue was close to capacity with 160 people in attendance for the Sunday performance, which was followed up with a Tuesday evening concert a few days later./DARREN LUM Staff

Melissa Stephens, director of the Highlands Festival Singers, leads and plays piano for the chorus.

Highlands Festival Singers Victoria Bingham, left, and Brenda Mulholland share a laugh while singing.

The audience numbered 160 for the concert at the Haliburton United Church.

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The Holly and the Ivy – really just the holly

THE OTHER day I read *Washington Post* columnist, Alexandra Petri's ranking of the top 100 Christmas songs. She had placed "The Holly and the Ivy" in the 61st position arguing, "This is a fine song! Love to sing about the rising of the sun and the running of the deer."

My memory of the lines didn't include deer or a sunrise so I Googled lyrics. To my surprise, along with the horticulturally inspired title, thorns, bark, berries and galls were also included. The fact that ivy wasn't mentioned again after the first line was also a revelation.

BELINDA GALLAGHER
Garden Musings

Regardless, the article and subsequent research gave me fodder for a winter musing.

Apparently, the song was first published in the early 1700s in a broadside (kind of a poster) in the English Cotswolds. Many years later, in 1861, it was listed in a collection of carols edited by Joshua Sylvester and it became a hit with the Victorians. By the time I was growing up in the USA in the 1950s, the song was well fixed in holiday traditions. All my life I thought of it as a carol about holiday decorating.

Holly is in the botanical plant family *Aquifoliaceae* that includes some 400 species of mainly tropical trees and shrubs. Economic uses include carving, furniture making, traditional medicines and even the beverage, yerba maté, a popular South American tea that derives it energy boost from the caffeine and theobromine in the plant.

The holly of the carol is the species *Ilex aquifolium*, called European or English holly and sometimes, Holy tree. Native to central and southern parts of Europe, it is a slow growing tree that can reach 30 to 50 feet in height, the greater number for specimens found in wooded areas of Italy or France.

Like many evergreens used for decorations during the holiday season, holly has a steeped tradition in both Christianity and paganism. The Roman author and naturalist, Pliny the Elder (23-79 AD), first described holly as aquifolius or needle-leafed, hence the family name. Pliny also wrote, according to the site Botanical.com, "…holly, if planted near a house or farm, repelled poison, and defended it from lightning and witchcraft, that the flowers cause water to freeze and that the wood, if thrown at any animal, even without touching it, had the property of compelling the animal to return and lie down by it." Quite the feat for a branch.

Druids, noting that the plant remained green and strong through dark, cold winters, considered it a sacred sym-

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English holly is native to central and southern parts of Europe.

Ancient culture thought holly would ward off evil

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bol of fertility and eternal life. Like the Romans, they thought hanging the prickly branches in windows and doors would bring luck and ward off evil spirits.

Despite the legend that holly's bright red berries and thorny leaves represent Christ's suffering, early Christians were forbidden by the church to decorate their homes with any evergreen boughs at the same time and in the same fashion as pagans. Laurence Whistler, notes in his book, *The Festival of Christmas*, that it wasn't until the 500s AD when St. Gregory sent St. Augustine to convert the Saxons that the words "templa exornantur" (churches are decked) started appearing on religious calendars in association with Christmas Eve. It was a baptism of sorts for holiday decorations.

The bulk of the fresh holly sold in Ontario in the holiday season is English holly but it is grown in British Columbia, Washington and Oregon. However, the business isn't what it used to be. In the mid 1980s there were over 60 B.C. farms supplying Canada and the USA and according to Shannon Moneo in *The Western Producer*, "one Surrey-based wholesaler sold about 180 10-pound boxes of holly per week starting in mid-November until Christmas."

Five years later, it was half that amount and nowadays sales are only about 10 per cent of those 1980 totals.

The reason, well, there are a few. Folks aren't decorating as much as they used to, plastic holly is cheaper and pre-made decorations are readily available at big box stores and supermarkets. Most importantly, holly went out of favour with the home décor gurus like Martha Stewart.

Fortunately, we can enjoy our lovely native holly, *Ilex verticillata*, a deciduous, erect shrub of swamps, pond edges and other damp locations. Commonly called winterberry holly, or Canada holly, it is dioecious like all other species. That means single-sexed so you need to plant both male and female bushes in order to get the lovely red berries. Kim, at Country Rose in Haliburton, recommended one male to four or five female plants when I was placing an order last spring. A native pollinator must have noticed my planting as a single lone berry was produced in late September on one of the young shrubs.

In the next few years, I hope to see the promised drupes of bright, scarlet fruit on tall three-metre shrubs. The branches can be used in decorating but more importantly, the berries are supposed to attract all manner of birds including grouse, woodcocks, flickers, thrushes, phoebes, catbirds, thrashers, waxwings and towhees.

Winterberry fruit.

Habitat for winterberry holly, also known as Canada holly.

Attracting birds, warding off evil spirits and lightning, not to mention that the white wood of the tree is used for chess pieces, marquetry and walking sticks. Holly is certainly worthy of a Christmas carol, don't you think?

Just so you know, Petri's No. 1 ranked carol was "Good King Wenceslas." Her rationale, "This is a GREAT song. I never tire of hearing about the only semi-impressive good deeds of this medieval monarch. He made the sod slightly warm! Hooray! Good for you, King Wenceslas! All the rhymes work! Every word is satisfying to sing! WENCESLAS! ON THE FEAST OF STEPHEN! DEEP AND CRISP AND EVEN! What a rollicking, hearty song. WENCESLAS! All songs should be like this. I wish we sang this song year-round."

He made the sod warm. There's the subject of a musing for sure.

Thanks to local naturalist, Ed Poropat, for the photo of winterberry fruit and habitat.

How to get on Santa's nice list

by students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School

If you follow these steps you will probably be on Santa's nice list.
Step 1: Help your mom with the dishes.
Step 2: Listen to your mom and dad (if they say to clean your room do it right away)
Step 3: When your teacher is mad give her a hug and make her appreciated.
Step 4: Help your teacher by being kind.
Step 5: Give your teacher her favorite chocolate.
This is how you might get on santa's nice list!

By: Addy Davidson

Here's how you get on Santa's nice list.
Step 1: Take your dog out so the dog won't go in the house.
Step 2: Stop playing fornite when you're told to.
Step 3: Leave Santa cookies to be nice.
Step 4: No punching your brother.
Step 5: Leave the reindeer carrots.
That how to get on santa's nice list.

By: Clayton Porter

How to Get on Santa's Nice List
Follow these steps to get on Santa's good list!
Step 1: Share with others.
Step 2: Always use your manners.
Step 3: Teach your brother to be kind.
Step 4: Always use the 7 habits.
Try these steps and you might be on the nice list.

By: Ewen O'Brien

How to Get on Santa's Nice List
Follow these awesome steps to get on Santa's nice list.
Step 1 :Do not say Santa's not real. He will not give you presents.
Step 2 : Give santa presents too like cookies and carrots for the reindeer.
Step 3 : Make a list so santa can read it so santa can give you what you wanted.
Step 4: Think win-win. Give santa cookies and he will give you presents back.
Step 5 : Be thankful for what you get for Christmas
I guarantee you will go on santa's nice list.

By: Jacob Sutton

This is how you get on santa's nice list.
Step 1: Help your mom and dad with home chores
Step 2: Give someone support for a hockey game in even if they are not family members.
Step 3: Be a very good friend at school and at home
Step 4: Be very good at doing things without being asked to
Step 5: Do stuff when you get told to.
That is how to get on Santa's nice list.

By: Jason Danilko

Follow these easy steps
Steps 1 : Remember to not share food at school. Eat your lunch!
Step 2 : Help mom and dad at their job on Sundays.
Step 3 : Get all my work done at school.
This is how you get on Santa's nice list.

By: Justin Lee

Do these things to help you get on Santa's nice list.
Step 1: Be kind and do the dishes when you are asked to.
Step 2: Help others when they are hurt.
Step 3: Say nice words to others.
Step 4: Help with dinner.
Step 5: Put First Things First by doing your homework.
If you do these steps you can be on Santa's nice list.

By: Kate Walker

If you follow these steps that will probably get you on santa's nice list.
Step 1: Listen to the person that is talking.
Step 2: Help your mom and dad out.
Step 3: Clean your room when your mom our dad tells you to.
Step 4: Help your brother and sister if you have one.
Step 5: Leave milk and cookies for santa.
Step 6: Eat all of your lunch when your mom and dad tells you to.
Step 7: Help cook with your mom.
This is how to get on santa's nice list.

By: Kaylee Smith

This is how you get on santa's nice list. All you have to do is follow these easy steps all year.
Step 1: Use i messages when you are upset (and actually be kind when you do it).
Step 2: Help your mom when she is having a hard time.
Step 3: Be kind to everyone (even when there not being kind to you).
Step 4: Be helpful when your mom or dad need help.
Step 5: Help your teacher out when she is sad or mad you can cheer her up or him up. All you have to do if you have chocolate is give her the chocolate but first eat most of the chocolate.
Now if you want to be on santa's nice list every day try to do all these steps.

By: Kaydence Hollands

How To Get on Santa's Nice List
If you want to be on santa's nice list, follow these easy steps all year long!
Step 1: Be proactive you are in charge of yourself
Step 2: Be helpful. Ask someone if they are ok.
Step 3: Think win-win. Make the teams fair.
Step 4: Check on your teacher.

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Step 5: Be kind. Use nice words.
I hope you make it on Santa's nice list!

By: Matthew Fairey

This is how to get a spot on santa's nice list. Follow these steps even when it's hard to.

Step 1: You do not slap your brother (even if you really want to).

Step 2: Be humble and kind (listen to the song).

Step 3: Be a good sport (win or lose).

Step 4: Begin with the end in the mind (I always have a goal).

Step 5: Be nice to your teacher (that means help her with her coffee when she spills it).

Step 6: Remember to share everything(except candy).

Step 7: Cheer people up with jokes (not bad ones because there is a lot).

Step 8: Don't whine for everything (it doesn't work, I tried once).

Step 9: Be productive all the time!!!!!!!!!!

Step 10: Partner with people you don't usually get along with at school.

Step 11: Give santa cookies and milk. He likes to chug the milk.

And this is how to get a great spot on the nice list. Remember all the 11 easy steps for next year.

By: Landyn Simms

Here is how to get on Santa's nice list.

Step 1: Give santa a cookie.

Step 2: Think Win Win and get along with your friends.

Step 3: Use nice words.

Step 4: Be fair. Let other people play with you.

Step 5: Put first things first and get your school work done.

Always be nice to Santa!

By: Madilin Haywood

Santa is very cool and silent. Here's how to get on his list.

Step 1: Leave santa cookies.

Step 2: Get a good night sleep on Christmas night.

Step 3: Be good nice and kind. Just do it.

Step 4: Do what your told.

Step 5: Play fair because Santa is watching.

By: Ryan Greer

Here's how you get on Santa's nice list.

Step 1: Help a friend up when they fall.

Step 2: You can help your mom do laundry and actually do the laundry.

Step 3: Help your teacher hand out work.

Step 4: Go to bed when your mom says to.

Step 5: Help your dad with firewood.

This is how to get on Santa's nice list.

By: Rylee Doige

Here's how you get on Santa's nice list.

Step 1: Leave Santa cookies because it keeps him awake.

Step 2: Obey his rules. Be good and don't be rude.

Step 3: Be proactive. Do good things even when no one is looking.

Step 4: Don't wake up when you hear sleigh bells because Santa won't come in your house to give you presents.

Step 5: Share things but never your mom. But definitely share your songs and make sure that there is joy all around.

Step 7: Share coffee or coffee crisp with your teachers.

Read the story over and over again because this is how you get on the nice list for next year.

By: Sophia Collins

This list is about Santa bringing you presents if you are good. You need to be on the nice list.

Step 1: Playing hockey will make you smarter and stronger. You need to play fair.

Step 2: Do your work at school when you are told.

Step 3: Do your homework at home instead of playing Fortnite.

Step 4: You could do the dishes for your mom.

Step 5: Play nerf guns nicely with your brothers and sister instead of hitting them in the face.

You might have other kind things to do other than this list. So be good so you can get lots of presents from Santa.

By: Vanek Logan

Just follow these five easy steps and you will be sure to be on santa's nice list!!!

Step 1: Don't cheat if you cheat you won't be on the nice list.

Step 2 : Help your dad or mom when they need help. My mom and dad like to build.

Step 3 : Share your ideas and don't be a bully.

Step 4: When other people start a problem do not join it even if you think they're funny.

Step:5: Clean up the dog poop when your mom tells you to even when you do not want to

This is giving you an opportunity to be on Santa's nice list for next year.

By: Wes Smith

Step 1: You can do the dishes for your mom.

Step 2: You can go to bed on time when your mom actually tells you to.

Step 3: When you play hockey play fair.

Step 4: Don't push your brother.

Step 5: Be nice to your teacher.

This is how you will get on Santa's nice list.

By: Easton Pelow

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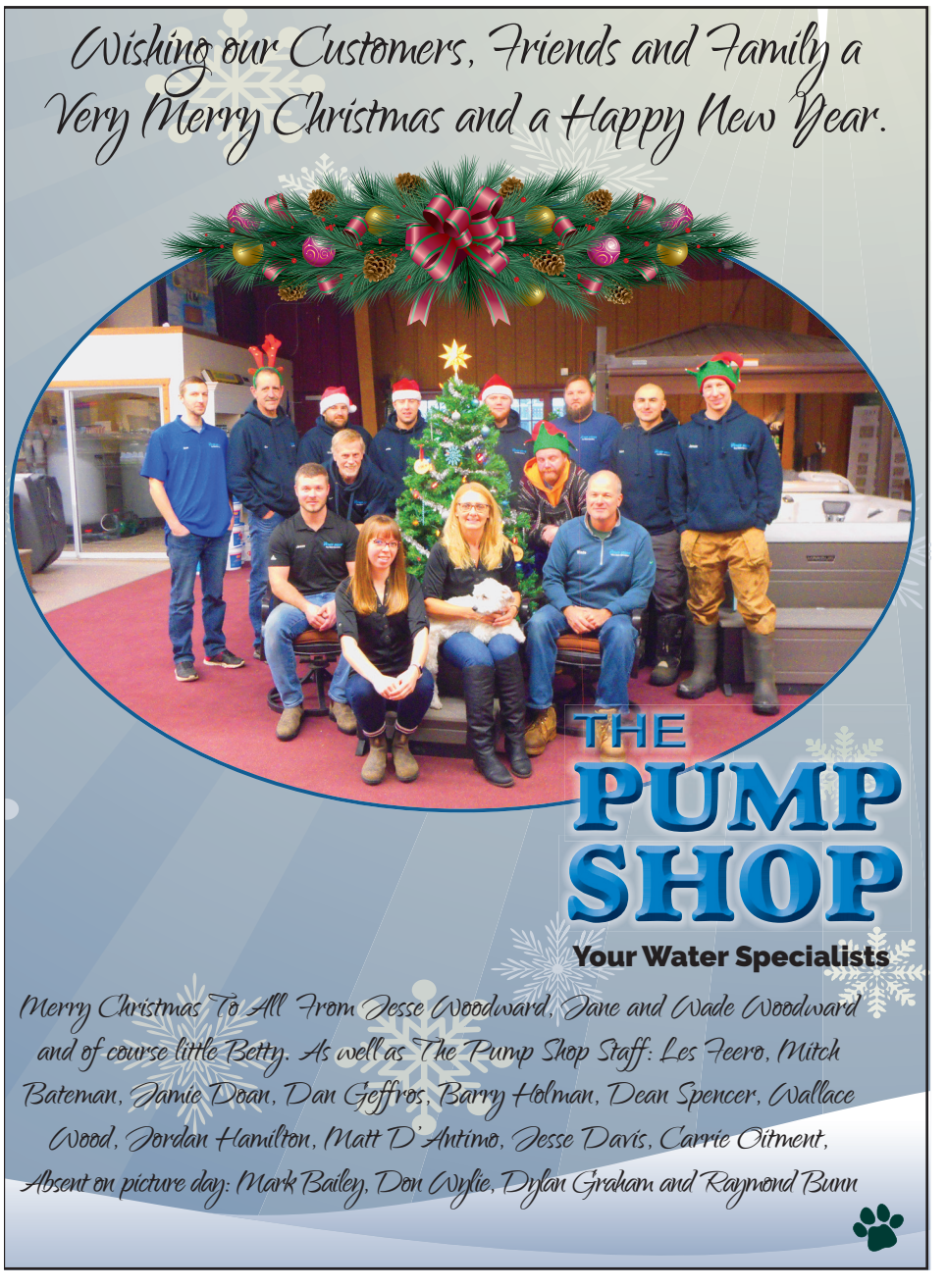
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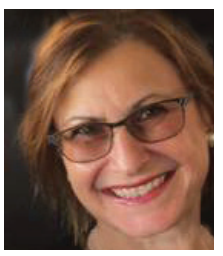

MARCI MANDEL
Way of Wonder

I'M SITTING in my studio at a desk that is up against an unfinished particleboard wall.

To my right is a double window filled with the blackness of a moonless night.

To my left is an over-stuffed small bookcase, an uninstalled toilet, a couple of opened paint cans, and a weathered wood and leather chair.

Behind me are several cased musical instruments, three hand drums, a digital keyboard, and a small acoustic guitar resting on a stand.

There is no door.

A lonely yoga mat is at the centre of the 10-by-16-foot sub-floor, and four LED pot lights hang from ceiling studs high above.

It's not much yet, but I love this room with all its possibilities: all the creativity that will be birthed here. For me, this "room of my own" is heaven on earth.

My husband is happiest outside shovelling the skating rink, plowing the sugar bush trails, and stewarding the land. Add some classical music and that's his heaven on earth.

Things aren't what make us happy, belonging and possibilities do.

I have an unframed print on my desk, from Curve Lake, of a stylized wolf howling in front of a full moon – Cry of the Wolf, it is titled. There's a beauty in its aloneness and in its action that speaks to me. "Rejoice for here I am!" I hear. "Behold all this astonishing wonder my friends, and rejoice!"

These holidays become holy days when we release into the world that which often lies dormant at the bottom of our hearts. Giving voice, clearing space for what excites us is vital to our wellbeing: integral to our happiness.

On the window ledge is an old wooden metronome, a HHHS teddy bear, a tiny water bottle from the Himalayas, two collections of gifts from the earth – including a snake skin, beehive and wolf tooth – and a framed three-by-three-inch photograph of a spunky three-year-old me. My connection to the earth runs deep and is the source of my calm.

When I anchor my being, entangle my roots, I too can be a source of sweetness. When I anchor my being, entangle my roots, breathing alone fulfills me. When I anchor my being, entangle my roots, I too become light; I become one with the light.

In this place, in this fifth dimension – beyond time and space – a seed is also a blossom, a melody is also a symphony, and each one of us is also an ancestor and descendent.

The great ones, who we celebrate at this time of the returning light, were shepherding us to this knowing, shepherding us so we could feel the warmth of the eternal flame – participate in the gift of the universal campfire.

To everything there is a season and now is the time of the great shift. We are feeling a trembling, a quaking, an exhaustion that is shaking us to our core releasing the shackles of self-pity and stripping us down to our true compassionate nature – with passion: with the eternal flame.

Around me is a passivhaus. It has thick walls, R9 windows, an energy recovery ventilation system, and an electric heater the size of a carry-on suitcase. The building process has taken longer than we anticipated which at times had us feeling like the exodusing Israelites anxious to get to the Promised Land. Emotions teetered at times between excitement and disappointment, and at other times they tottered between anger and awe. It was a cleansing process emptying us of expectations and filling us with a true sense of what home is: a place of belonging and possibility.

Within me are the memories of ancestors, teachers, and friends who continue to prepare the way for more evolving. Deeper within is the eternal flame. When I ignore it, my devoted breath continues to fan its embers, and when I tend it, serendipitous gifts appear.

Within that flame, flickering on and off, is the pulse of love. Graciously, mysteriously, creatively, it is soothing persistent wounds. Graciously, mysteriously, creatively it is educating my imagination, inviting me into the pain, so those traumas may completely heal.

Graciously, mysteriously, creatively, it is dissolving the veil so we all may finally realize we already are in the Promised Land, and that home, seeded in the eternal flame, is heaven on earth.

May the Christmas season fill your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter.

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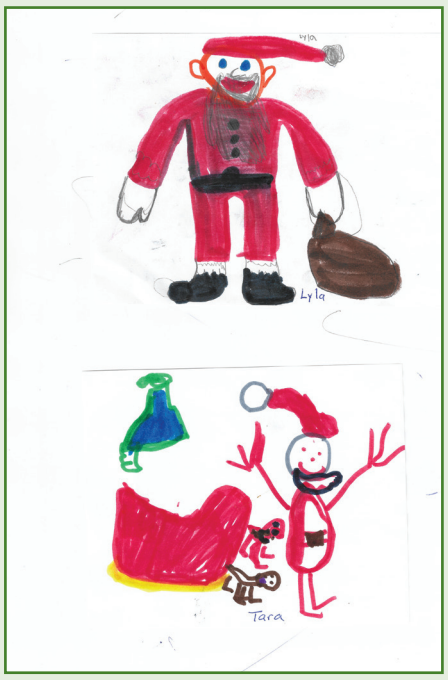

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UPCOMING Community Events

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Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Upcoming Events

Wilberforce Funraising Group
We invite everyone to celebrate a fabulous year of volunteer efforts. Free skating and a little Christmas cheer.
When: Saturday, Dec. 22, 6 to 9 p.m.
Where: Wilberforce Arena
Skating and Refreshments

Haliburton Pastoral Charge
When: Monday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. at Pine St., Haliburton
Joint Pastoral Charge Evening Service – Communion and Special Guest Music Artists

Anglican Church Services
When: Christmas Eve Dec. 24
Where: St. Peter's Maple Lake 2 p.m., St James Kinmount 4.00 p.m, St. Paul's Minden 7 p.m.

Haliburton Pastoral Charge
When: Sunday, Dec. 30 - 11:15 a.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton
Contemporary Service

Gord Kidd & Friends' Country Classics featuring the classic steel guitar of Don Stiver
When: Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, 2 to 5 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion
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The Highland Trio in the Clubroom
When: Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, 3 to 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: $5.00 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6 p.m. There will be no diners offered at these events
www.haliburtonlegion.com/

Recurring Events

Morning Glories Fitness
Where: Upstairs, A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton
When: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.
Ladies fitness group for all levels
Contact: Jane 705-754-9996

Community Drum Circle
Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre Patio, 23 York St.
Join the community Drum Circle. Instruments available. Beginners welcome. Family-friendly. Each week a volunteer will facilitate the Circle. By donation in support of Haliburton DrumFest

Pickleball
When: Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton High School Gym.
Cost is $2 and rackets are provided. Bring clean indoor shoes.
Starts Sept 11th.
Contact Jennifer Coates 705-749-3787 for further info.

Pickleball
When: Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Racquets are provided so all you need are clean indoor shoes. Cost is $2
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Family Fun Bingo
Every Tuesday at 6 p.m.
At the Kinmount Legion

Harcourt Community Centre
Harcourt Bingo every week on Wednesdays
Doors open at 6:45 and bingo starts at 7:30
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Kinmount Library
The Friends of the Library group have a monthly book sale at the Kinmount Library the third Saturday of every month.

Youth Program
Minden has a Youth Program! Students in Grades 8 and up are invited to supper and program every Thursday night from 5:45 to 8 p.m.
Everyone welcome! Explore faith, learn new skills, enjoy hanging out with other youth.
Program run by Monarch Bible Camp and Youth Unlimited.
Where: Minden Bible Church-Bobcaygeon Road
Information: teresa@youthunlimitedkaw.com or 705-887-3625

Cancer Support Group
Open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the third Tuesday of every month at the Abbey Retreat Center from 1 to 3 p.m. Please contact community support services 705-457-2941 for more information.

Al-anon Minden
When; Monday evenings at 8 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild
When: Second Wednesday of every month from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Details: Meeting includes speakers holding trunk shows of their work, often covering new and interesting quilt and sewing techniques. Our group consists of quilters at all levels, who enjoy sharing and learning from each other. Check out our Facebook page or our web site: Facebook.com/haliburtonquilts or www.haliburtonhighlandsquiltguild.com
Contact: Connie Walker 905-439-5943 or haliburtonquilts@gmail.com

Haliburton Highlands Weaving and Spinning Guild Open Studios
Time: Every Tuesday 1 to 4 p.m.
Place: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
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Contact: Pat @ 705-286-6042 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Craft Connections Group
When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person

Legion Events

Branch 636 Minden
Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12 - Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Friday Spaghetti dinner 5 to 7p m.
Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. Sharp! If you come out offer to help sell tickets please!!!!
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Monday Christmas Eve Closed
Tuesday Christmas Day Closed
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Branch 129, Haliburton
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Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start
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Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, Mar throught Dec., starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start, Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m.
Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC
Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. $6 per person.
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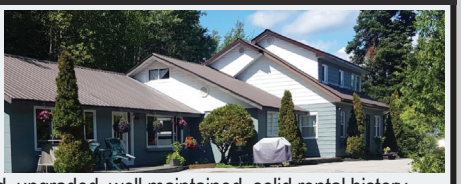

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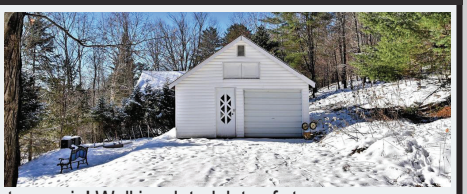

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Echo changes, adopts narrow, modern format

Echo readers will notice a significant change in the newspaper this week, and it's a change we hope you'll like.

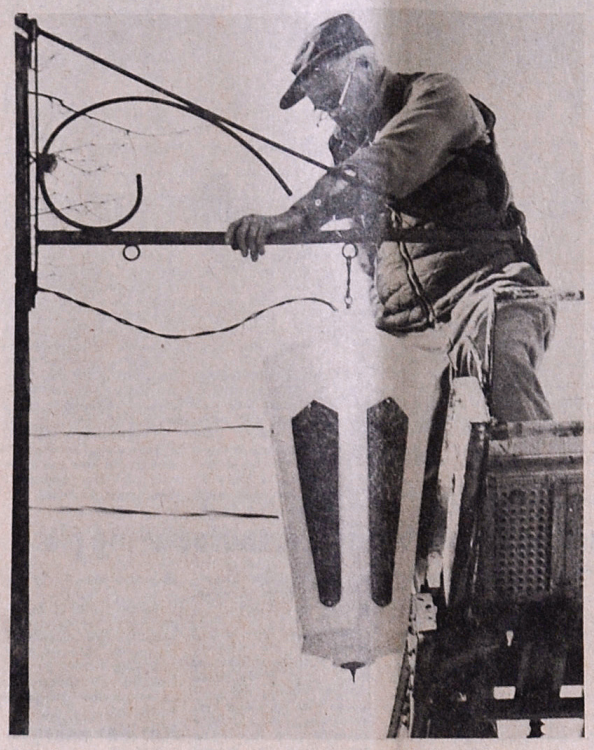
Recently, the size of most 'broadsheet' or 'metro' newspapers has been reduced, while the Echo, and other community newspapers printed at the Muskoka Web printing plant in Bracebridge, has remained large. The extra width (34 inches as opposed to the more common 30 inches), made the newspaper difficult to handle and required up to 12 per cent more newsprint than the more modern format.

With this week's issue, the Echo has dropped one column from each page, losing two inches in width and gaining, we hope, a great deal in readability and ease of handling.

Easier to handle

The new page width will also make it easier to fit advertisements and copy together on individual pages, enabling us to produce an even cleaner, better looking newspaper than in the past.

In the weeks and months to come, we will continue to try to bring you the best of news, features, advertisements, photographs and editorial comment available in the Highlands. We hope you'll agree that the new, narrower Echo is an definite improvement.



Haliburton's main street has been taking on the look of Christmas this week with the addition of decorative lighting. Here Charlie Herron connects one of the new lights.

Board sets staff

Three teachers to be hired as board adds classes required under Bill 82

The Haliburton County Board of Education will hire at least three new teachers next year to help meet the demands of Bill 82, the province's sweeping new special education legislation.

At a meeting last Tuesday, the board agreed with recommendations of its special project committee that will see teachers added at Archie Stouffer and Cardiff Elementary Schools, and at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

As well, the board agreed to operate Dorset and Gooderham elementary schools until at least June, 1983.

The staffing recommendations are based on projected enrolment at the various schools and on the board's efforts to phase in the special education programs required under Bill 82.

At Archie Stouffer Elementary School, 1982-83 enrolment is expected to be 393, down slightly from present numbers. One teacher will be added next year, however, to provide more special education programs, bringing the school's compliment of teachers to 22.

Enrolment at Cardiff elementary school is expected to increase to 110 next year, the board has agreed to establish a special education class at the school, and will hire an additional teacher to bring the staff up to six members.

No staffing changes are anticipated at Dorset elementary school, which became a Kindergarten to Grade 4 facility for the first time this fall. Dorset area children who need special education are expected to be served in Muskoka under an agreement that would be negotiated between the two boards. The board agreed to keep the school open for at least one more year, but will review the matter each autumn.

No changes are anticipated at Gooderham elementary school, which presently has a staff of two teachers. Any children from the Dorset area who require special education will be bused to Haliburton to attend Kindergarten to Grade 2 at Victoria Street school and Grade 3 and 4 at Haliburton Highlands Senior Elementary School.

The board agreed the school will remain open until at least June, 1983, with an annual review.

Victoria Street School, which has been filled to capacity in recent years, will get some relief from overcrowding next fall as the school's two Grade 3 classes will be moved to the senior elementary school. Two teachers will be moved from Victoria Street to HHSES, leaving a principal and seven teachers on staff.

No staffing changes are anticipated at HHSES other than the two teachers who will move from Victoria Street. A total of 25.5 teachers will be on staff at HHSES next year, and enrolment is expected to be 482 students.

Wilberforce elementary school will continue unchanged, and enrolment next year is expected to be 56 students. Youngsters from the school who need special education will be sent to Cardiff if there is sufficient space, or will be bused to Haliburton schools.

Enrolment at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is expected to fall by at least 20 students next year, which would have meant the loss of one teaching job. But because special vocational classes established this year will be expanded next year, the surplus teacher will be retained and another added to the staff.

If projected enrolment of 600 students rises by 15 or 20 next September, the board agreed to add an additional staff member, as it did this year when enrolment exceeded June projections.

Seasonal zoning guidelines released

Ministry eases restrictions, municipalities with official plans will benefit

Municipalities with official plans can allow year round residences in cottage areas without rezoning, under new guidelines released recently by the provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. But seasonal zoning will continue to be required in cottage areas of municipalities which lack official plans.

In the past, the housing ministry required seasonal zoning in cottage areas on approved official plans. Purpose of the seasonal designation was to ensure that cottagers would not expect and could not demand services such as snow plowing and school buses provided in other areas of the municipality. When year round residency was desired, individual rezoning had to be carried out. But municipalities balked at the administrative cost and complexity of rezoning, prompting the ministry to review the matter.

According to a release on the new policy, unveiled November 16, "the ministry now takes the position that year round residential development may be permitted in cottage areas without rezoning, provided appropriate policies are included in the official plan. The ministry's primary interest, when reviewing these policies, will be to ensure that the municipality has carried out the necessary background analysis."

In municipalities without an official plan, however, "the ministry will continue to recommend seasonal zoning. This will enable municipalities and other public agencies to assess the environmental, servicing and financial implications when applications for rezoning for permanent residential use are submitted."

Dysart et al is the only municipality in Haliburton County which has an official plan. Other municipalities operate with zoning by-laws under the blanket Planning Strategy for the county, completed two years ago. The document has no official status, and the county is considering the adviseability of proceeding with an official plan in the near future.

In the meantime, according to the new guidelines, seasonal zoning will have to be included in cottage areas when zoning by-laws are updated.

Board, students share cost of facilities

A joint project between the Haliburton County Board of Education and students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is expected to result in improved athletic facilities at the school.

The students council has agreed to raise $4000 this year and $1000 next year to help meet the cost of two, double tennis courts, three strips of asphalt with basketball hoops and another court that could be used for badminton and handball.

While no figures have been finalized, the project is expected to cost between $10,000 and $15,000, according to estimates discussed at a meeting of the board last Tuesday night.

Main purpose of the facilities, to be built on a filled area adjacent to the existing track and playing field, is to provide students with additional recreational opportunities on their lunch hours and after school. As well, physical education classes could make use of the courts during regular school hours. In the evenings, the facilities would be open to the public.

Students, under the direction of the students council, have been selling chocolate bars in the community for the past several weeks to raise funds for the project.

Board members were enthusiastic about the scheme, but reserved a decision on the matter until firm estimates have been received, probably for the December session.

Minden backs nuclear energy

Two vote 'nay' to resolution calling for more reactors

by SUE COOPER
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Two registered 'nay' votes didn't sway Anson, Hindon and Minden council from backing the development of nuclear energy by Ontario Hydro for foreign and domestic markets.

At its regular meeting last Wednesday evening, council received a resolution from the Township of Greenock in Bruce County asking that "the provincial government of Ontario be requested to explore the possibility of foreign export of electricity derived from nuclear power" and "that the construction of additional nuclear power plants be considered for not only domestic demand but also for export of electrical energy especially to the United States."

The resolution from Anson, Hindon and Minden was moved by councillor Larry Cummins, seconded by deputy reeve Doug Pritchard and the tie-breaking vote to support the Township of Greenock was made by reeve Lloyd Walker. Councillors Lyle McKnight and Ed Pergolas recorded 'nay' votes.

"I still don't believe in it. It's too dangerous," Pergolas told the rest of council. There was little discussion on the matter at the council table.

Although Pergolas suggested nuclear power was unsafe, the resolution from Greenock, which was sent to municipalities across the province, said "the Candu Nuclear system of Ontario Hydro has been demonstrated as the most productive and efficient nuclear power generation system in the world."

The Greenock resolution suggested expertise in the nuclear system "could be expanded to the benefit of all Canadians." The Bruce County township also stated "the cost of electrical energy to the Ontario public would

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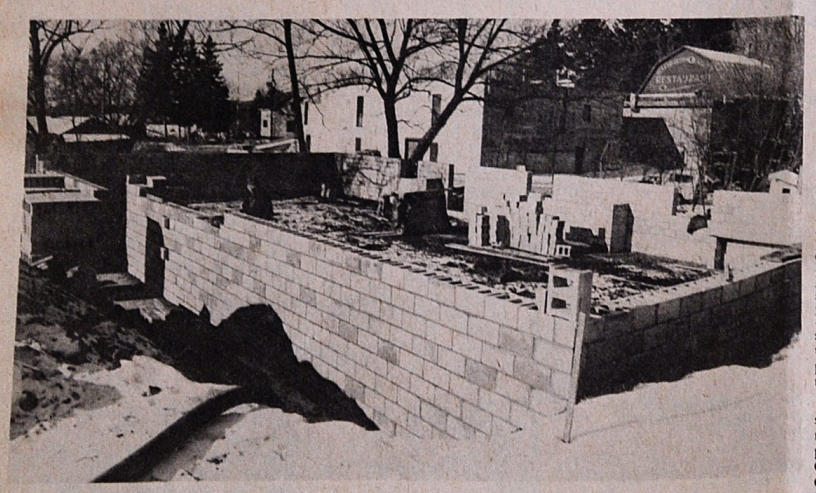

The foundation for the new St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church is nearing completion. The new church is being built on the site of the old structure, which was torn down earlier this fall.

Causeway opposed

Bob Lake cottagers reject proposal

A proposal to construct a causeway to an island in Bob Lake met with opposition before the matter was discussed by Anson, Hindon and Minden council, last week.

In a letter to council, Louis Alvarez asked the municipality to consider his proposal to build a causeway to an island in Bob Lake. However, before the discussion could begin, municipal by-law enforcement officer, Dick Schell told council he had a letter on file from landowners on Bob Lake asking to be notified of any projects to build a causeway to the island.

The letter from the landowners, containing 21 sig-

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Allen and Delaine Miller were two of the many people who turned up at Extendicare on Saturday to buy goods offered in the Happy Gang's annual Christmas Bazaar.

Minden okays four year term

Recreation committee will also have student, senior citizen

Future members of the Anson, Hindon and Minden recreation committee will now be appointed for a four year term and one year term for a senior citizen member and a student will be created.

Council decided last Wednesday that four year appointments might allow members of the committee to be more involved in on-going recreational projects in the municipality.

After attending a seminar on recreation earlier this year, Ed Pergolas, council's member on the recreation board (along with councillor Lyle McKnight) suggested the four year terms established in other communities in the province might be more progressive.

Presently members are appointed for a one year term but Pergolas said the time limits the effectiveness of their decisions. "I think they'd do a far better job," (in a four year term) he said. Councillor McKnight agreed.

Council decided the present members would be asked to fill the committee seats before a request for other volunteers was made.

With the addition of seats for a senior citizen and student, Pergolas said the committee would have a good cross-section of the recreational needs and possibilities of the municipality.

Reeve Lloyd Walker suggested four years might be a long term to ask a volunteer to serve but council agreed with Pergolas that a natural turnover would occur because the positions are voluntary and a member could resign at any time.

"You're going to have a natural change anyway," Pergolas said.

With the provincial government forecasting that "more and more" funds will be provided for recreation, Pergolas said the municipality should get into the "slipstream".

Council authorized the four year appointments for four members of the recreation committee and one year terms for a senior citizen and student.

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